

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 6th June, 1901.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—Some changes have taken place in prices during the past few days. Quinine has advanced from 6 to 8 per cent., owing to the comparatively small supplies arriving in London and New York from Java. Carbolic acid, also, is a little higher. Salicylic acid and its salts is a good deal firmer

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now, owing to stronger summer demand, and some advance is not improbable. Cod liver oil is in strong request. In New York, a fairly active business is being transacted in drugs, and there is a steady undertone. Most of the orders, however, at present are in jobbing quantities, the speculative spirit being dormant.

DRY GOODS.—Since our last report, no new feature has presented itself. Prices are steady, and there is an improved movement, especially in seasonable goods, owing to the fine weather. Travellers are sending in good reports from the outlying districts.

FRUIT.—An active business is being done in several lines of fruits, strawberries and pineapples being those in which most is being done. For oranges and lemons, the demand still continues good, though the former are gradually becoming scarcer. We quote: Lemons, Messina, choice, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; extra fancy, long keeper, \$3; Sorrento, fine stock, \$3.50; oranges Messina, \$1.50 to \$1.75; Sorrento, \$2.50 to \$2.75; California seedlings, \$2.57 to \$3 per box; strawberries, 13 to 15c. per basket; tomatoes, \$3.25 to \$3.15 per crate; bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$2 per bunch; and pineapples, 8 to 15c.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been considerable movement this week at \$2.65 for 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' covers. In a few cases, the price has reached \$2.70. The offerings from Old Country buyers, the last day or two, have not been so frequent. Up to the present, the demand from Newfoundland has been very light, buyers waiting to see what the Government will do in the matter of the tariff.

GRAIN.—Very little is being done in grain just now. Farmers are bringing in a few odd loads, having accomplished their seeding, but dealers are pretty well cleaned out.

GROCERIES.—Some improvement has set in since the fine weather began, but in spite of this, trade continues dull. Sugars have but a slack movement. Teas are quiet. Dried fruits also all dull, except currants, which show a constantly advancing tendency, consequent upon the reports from Greece. In London, the stocks are very light, and these are being called upon to supply provincial markets, to a much larger extent than usual.

HIDES AND SKINS.—For hides there is a good demand, and stocks are pretty well depleted. Prices are steady. Calfskins are dull and lower. Sheepskins are also dull, in sympathy with the state of the wool market. Tallow is fairly steady.

HARDWARE.—Most lines of seasonable goods continue in good demand, and an active business is going on. Shingle nails are being called for in somewhat large quantities, and so is roofing paper. Glass keeps in demand at steady prices, and the Belgian factories are hard at work trying to pick up time lost, owing to the recent strike. Metals are very firm in sympathy with conditions across the line. Ingot tin has advanced and tinplates are very strong; indeed, altogether during the last month they have advanced about 50c. per box. Iron piping is in strong demand.

PROVISIONS.—Eggs remain in good demand, with fair receipts, prices being about 10½c. Poultry is also in good request, with but light offerings. The hop market is dull. Considerable activity is being displayed in smoked meats, as usual at this season. New dairy butter is in better supply, and is being sold at 14 to 15c. Fodder is slow at 10 to 12c. Cheese is somewhat dull.

WOOL.—Reports from both England and the States continue very discouraging. Prices of English wool, similar to that produced here, have again declined, owing to heavy receipts from South America.

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